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PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY TO MODIFY AN UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

Title of the minor

Minor in Arabic Studies

Sponsor

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College Sponsor:

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Brief description of the program of study

The proposal is to revise the list of courses which count toward the minor. The broad-scale structure of the minor is unaffected; there are no proposed changes to the existing general categories that are already established. The minor is interdisciplinary in nature and includes required courses in Arabic language and culture, with options to include courses in Arabic history, politics and religion.

Justification:

We are proposing to revise the list of courses that count toward the minor. We are adding the following courses to the list of Interdisciplinary courses students can choose from:

ARAB 413- Arabic-English Translation

HIST 334- Modern Palestinian History

HIST 335- Middle East 1566-1914

CWL 205- Islam & West Through Lit

CWL 481- Topics in Arabic Literature & Culture

We are removing LING/ARAB 411 as a requirement because the course has not been taught. Students will be able to fulfill the Arabic Culture and Linguistic requirement by choosing two of the following:

ARAB 150, ARAB 210, ARAB 412, or a Study abroad equivalent.

The revised minor will be more flexible and allow students to take current courses.

Budgetary and Staff Implications

The proposal to revise the minor would not impact or require new budgeting or the addition of instructors. The revised minor will be more appealing to students and thus we anticipate a modest increase of the number of students who are interested in pursuing our minor. We anticipate an increase of just a few students per year, which won't require an increase in the number of our teaching staff.

Requirements

See Academic Catalog entry below.

Prerequisites for the minor

There are no proposed changes to the prerequisites that are already established for the current minor. These are completing ARAB 404 or placing in the Advanced level for those who come with prior experience in Arabic.

Expected enrollment in the minor

Proposed revision will be more appealing to students and thus we expect a modest increase in the number of students who are interested in pursuing the minor.

Admission to the minor

The proposed revision won't affect the process that the students typically follow in order to get approval from the department to pursue the minor. Students need to fill out a form that consists of fill-in-the-blanks for contact information, the student's major, and UIN; and seek the signature of the advisor for the minor. There is no issue in our current language classes to handle all the students who are pursuing the minor. All are accommodated.

Minor advisor

The Director for the Arabic Language Program advises students enrolled in the minor through email and one-on-one meetings. In addition, the Arabic Language Program website has information about the minor requirements.

Certification of successful completion

Successful completion of the minor is confirmed through the student's Degree Audit Report System (DARS).

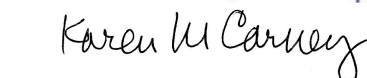
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Dean of the college of the sponsoring department or unit

Chair, Senate Educational Policy Committee:

Proposed Effective Date

Fall 2017

Statement for the Academic Catalog (items in yellow being added)

Arabic Studies Minor

The minor in Arabic Studies is designed for students interested in developing an expertise in one or more aspects of the Arab World, as a complement to their disciplinary major. Completion of the minor requires at least 18 hours in applicable courses.

Language requirement		6
ARAB 405	Advanced Standard Arabic I	
ARAB 406	Advanced Standard Arabic II	
Arabic Culture and Linguistics courses		6
Two of the following courses chosen in consultation with the advisor: ARAB 150 - Lang&Culture of Arab World ARAB 210 : Colloquial Arabic I ARAB 412: Business Arabic a Study Abroad Equivalent (must be approved by the advisor)		
Two Interdisciplinary courses related to the Arab World (To be chosen from the following list in consultation with the advisor)		6
ARAB 407	Topics Stand Arabic Lang&Lit I	
ARAB 408	Topics Stand Arabic LangLit II	
ARAB 409	Adv Top Stand Arabic LangLit I	
ARAB 410	AdvTop Stand Arabic LangLit II	
ARAB 413	Arabic/English Translation	
HIST 135	History of Islamic Middle East	
CWL 205	Islam & West Through Lit	
CWL 481	Topics in Arabic Literature & Culture	
HIST 334	Modern Palestinian History	
HIST 335	Middle East 1556-1914	
HIST 337	Middle East Since World War I	
HIST 438	Egypt Since World War I	
PS 347	Gov & Pol of Middle East	
REL 213	Intro to Islam - ACP	
REL 214	Introduction to Islam	
REL 223	The Qur'an (Koran)	
REL 260	Mystics and Saints in Islam	
REL 403	Women in Muslim Societies	
RLST 408	Islam & Politics in Mid. East	
REL 481	Muslim Ethics in Global Age	
REL 482	Muslim-Christian Interactions	
Total Hours		18

Appendix A:
Comparative Table of Proposed Changes

Current Requirements	Current Hours	Proposed Requirements	Proposed Hours
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Choose one course from the following in consultation with the advisor: ARAB 150 - Lang&Culture of Arab World OR ARAB 210 : Colloquial Arabic I or a Study Abroad Equivalent (must be approved by the advisor)			
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<p>PS 347 Gov & Pol of Middle East</p> <p>RLST 213 Intro to Islam - ACP</p> <p>RLST 214 Introduction to Islam</p> <p>RLST 223 The Qur'an (Koran)</p> <p>RLST 260 Mystics and Saints in Islam</p> <p>RLST 403 Women in Muslim Societies</p> <p>RLST 408 Islam & Politics in Mid. East</p> <p>RLST 481 Muslim Ethics in Global Age</p> <p>RLST 482 Muslim-Christian Interactions</p>		<p>Culture</p> <p>HIST 135 History of Islamic Middle East</p> <p>HIST 334 Modern Palestinian History</p> <p>HIST 335 Middle East 1556-1914</p> <p>HIST 337 Middle East Since World War I</p> <p>HIST 438 Egypt Since World War I</p> <p>PS 347 Gov & Pol of Middle East</p> <p>REL 213 Intro to Islam - ACP</p> <p>REL 214 Introduction to Islam</p> <p>REL 223 The Qur'an (Koran)</p> <p>REL 260 Mystics and Saints in Islam</p> <p>REL 403 Women in Muslim Societies</p> <p>REL 408 Islam & Politics in Mid. East</p> <p>REL 481 Muslim Ethics in Global Age</p> <p>REL 482 Muslim-Christian Interactions</p>	
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January 12, 2017

Bettina Francis, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
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228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Francis:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the undergraduate minor in Arabic Studies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathryn A. Martensen'.

Kathryn A. Martensen
Assistant Provost

Enclosures

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January 12, 2017

Kathryn Martensen
Associate Provost
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Dear Kathy:

The Committee on Courses and Curricula on behalf of the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the following proposal:

Revise the undergraduate minor in Arabic Studies

Please address all correspondence concerning this proposal to me. This proposal is now ready for review by the Senate Educational Policy Committee for proposed implementation in Fall 2017.

Sincerely,



Karen M. Carney
Associate Dean

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C: Professor Jean-Philippe Mathy
Professor Jams Yoon
Dr. Eman Saadah